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I-93 WIDENING PROJECT RECEIVES FEDERAL HIGHWAY APPROVAL
SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR 19.8 MILES FROM SALEM TO MANCHESTER

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has given the New Hampshire Department of Transportation the green light to proceed with the Interstate 93 widening project between Salem and Manchester.

The Record of Decision (ROD) issued today by the FHWA allows the NHDOT to move forward on final design planning and right-of-way acquisitions along the 19.8-mile corridor between the Massachusetts state line and the I-93/I-293/NH 101 split in Manchester. The project still awaits Federal and State wetlands permits and a State water quality certificate.

“This is a significant milestone in our efforts to improve the safety and capacity of Interstate 93 between Salem and Manchester,” says NHDOT Commissioner Carol Murray. “We are looking forward to making the anticipated improvements along this vital transportation route in New Hampshire to meet current and future mobility needs.”

The I-93 project will reconstruct and widen the highway from two to four lanes in each direction. Five interchanges will be reconstructed and reconfigured, and 40 bridges will be replaced or reconstructed, including several “Red List” bridges. Additional Park and ride facilities will be constructed to provide bus service at Exits 2, 3 and 5. The project also includes preserving space in the median for potential future light rail or transit opportunities, and \$3.5 million will be utilized to help communities with technical planning assistance.

Through the use of GARVEE Bonds, the planned construction timetable of the \$440 million project will be accelerated from 11 to 6 years. Initial work could begin as soon as this year with the construction of a facility to improve the Exit 4 park and ride in Londonderry.